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SUBJ : INTERVIEW WITH COL. KOUNTCHE

1. IN INTERVIEW WITH NIGERIAN JOURNALISTS REPORTED IN
APRIL 24 DAILY TIMES, COL. KOUNTCHE REITERATED SEVERAL
POINTS CONTAINED IN EARLIER PUBLIC STATEMENTS BUT
ADDED FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
HERE:

A. NEW GON HAS SET NO TIME LIMIT FOR RESTORATION OF
CIVILIAN RULE BUT WILL TAKE CARE TO AVOID BEING ACCUSED
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OF STAYING TOO LONG IN POWER. NEW REGIME NEEDED TIME TO

CORRECT "ANOMALIES" OF ITS PREDECESSOR AND RAISE LIVING STANDARDS OF PEOPLE.

B. KOUNTCHE SAID GOVERNMENT WILL EXAMINE DESIRABILITY OF MODIFYING DEFENSE AND OTHER AGREEMENTS WITH FRANCE ONCE IT HAS "SETTLED DOWN".

C. DISCUSSING COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ASSETS OF MEMBERS OF FORMER GON, KOUNTCHE SAID INVESTIGATION WOULD NOT EXTEND TO MINOR MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES NOR WOULD IT LEAD TO TOTAL CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY.

2. POUCHING FULL TEXT TO AF/W AND NIAMEY.
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